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## LEAGUE OPENING

Society People Crowd the Art Rooms.

BEAUTIFUL PAINTINGS EXHIBITED

Pictures Which Attracted Attention.

Great Improvements Shown Over Last Season—Work of Best Local Artists.

The reception and first view last night at the rooms of the Kilauea Art League was a most charming affair. The walls were covered with the results of the last six months' work of the members, and showed a great advance over the efforts of last spring.

The picture which attracted the most favorable comment was a sea view by D. Howard Hitchcock. It represents a huge wave breaking over a solid ledge of rocks. The spray, the reflection of the water, and the sky are most faithfully reproduced. On the same wall with this picture are a number of other oils deserving of special mention, among which may be mentioned "Morning at Kapaeha" and "On the Volcano Road, and Sunset from Coconut Island," by Hitchcock; also "Evening," by Jean M. Foster. Among the water colors which attracted the most notice were the Hawaiian Ginger and Carnations, by Mrs. Belle Jones; Sea View, Chrysanthemums and Roses, by Mrs. Helen Kelley; Autumn, by Miss French; Lake Tahoe, by Miss Anna H. Parke, and many others.

The rooms were thronged with artists and those interested in art during the entire evening, and much favorable comment was made on the work. Among those present were noticed:

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Irwin, Rev. and Mrs. Bernie, Her Britannic Majesty's Commissioner Hawes, Signor Cannavaro, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Castle, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jones, Miss Richards, Judge and Mrs. Frear, Judge and Mrs. Judd, Miss Millie Beckwith, Dr. Cooper, Miss Dulaney, Bishop and Mrs. Willis, Mr. Parke, the Misses Parke, Mrs. H. M. Von Holt, Mrs. A. B. Tucker, Miss Bessie F. French, Mr. H. F. Little, Mr. C. H. Dickey, Mr. and Mrs. Weedon, Miss Millard, Miss Stansbury, Miss Kinney, Mr. S. P. French, Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls, Miss Kate McGrew, D. H. Hitchcock, Mrs. Charles Carter, Mrs. R. J. Greene, Dr. Rodgers, Mrs. and Mrs. Graham, Dr. and Mrs. Meyers, T. Clive Davies, Mr. C. M. V. Foster, Rev. and Mrs. Mackintosh, Miss Marie Von Holt, Miss Bernie, Miss Hasforth, Mr. ed Benner, Miss Benner, Mr. Paul Isenberg, Dr. and Mrs. Day, Mrs. Pierre Jones, Miss Clymer, Miss Hammond, Misses Pope, Miss Lyle, Misses Afong,

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The exhibition will be open to the public every day from 10 to 5, and on Monday and Friday evenings from 7 to 9. It will also be open tomorrow night.

No one should miss this opportunity to see some charming bits of art.

## REFUSE FRANCHISE

Secretary Foster Notified by Minister Smith.

No Extension for the Spalding Combine—Hopes for Success.

Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs W. O. Smith yesterday notified John W. Foster, attorney for Col. Z. S. Spalding, that after due and careful consideration of his request for an extension of the concessions already granted Col. Spalding, the Government had decided that it is not advisable at this time to extend any of the franchises or privileges he may now have regarding the laying of a cable from the United States to Hawaii, so as to include an exclusive franchise for a cable line between Hawaii and Australia or Japan or both. While the Government regretted that it was unable to comply with the request, the Executive wished to express hopes for Col. Spalding's success in building the line originally proposed between the United States and Hawaii.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

The Hawaiian Planters' Association will continue in session today.

Hutchinson mill at Honouliuli, Kauai, will begin grinding on Monday next.

The bark S. C. Allen will sail for San Francisco with a load of sugar on November 26th.

Captain Gregory of the Waialeale has become a very proficient sleight-of-hand performer.

The barkentine Irmgard sailed for San Francisco with a load of sugar at 12:30 p. m. yesterday.

Read what the Pacific Hardware Co., Ltd., have on exhibition. Their ad. appears in another column.

It is said that the Australia has not been the bearer of important news since the McKinley bill passed.

"The Kash" use both a push and a shove persuasively in the neckwear shop today. The persuader costs 25c.

The Kinau, sailing November 20th, will be due in Honolulu Wednesday, November 25th, instead of Friday, the 27th.

A gentleman with \$1,000 in his pocket was down on the wharf last night trying to get 3 to 1 guesses on McKinley.

The thanks of the Advertiser are due Capt. Smith of the City of Peking, for copies of the Japan Mail, containing the news of the election.

One of the fire engines has been engaged to clean out the hold of the bark H. Hackfeld previous to her taking on sugar for San Francisco.

Fred. Carter left for Kauai on the Mikahala yesterday morning to take possession of the new office of Sheriff of the Garden Isle, recently given to him.

Postmaster-General Oat returned on the W. G. Hall yesterday, after a tour of the post offices on the Island of Maui and in the Kona District of Hawaii.

The case of Arthur Fitzgerald, charged with shooting a Chinese detective officer, was on trial before Judge Perry all day yesterday. Fitzgerald is conducting his own defense.

Pahala plantation has plenty of water now, on account of recent rains. The mill is turning out 750 bags of sugar daily. At present there are 1,900 bags of sugar in the warehouse at Punaluu awaiting shipment to Honolulu.

The James Makee brought news yesterday that upon her way from Hanalei to Koloa on Wednesday last the Waialeale broke her crank shaft, and so became disabled from further work. The Ke Au Hou will arrive some time during the day with the Waialeale in tow.

## PLANTERS GATHER

In Annual Session Matters of Interest are Discussed.

ALL THE TRUSTEES REELECTED

Reports on Cooperative Labor Read.

Who Shall Pay for Analysis of Fertilizer—High Local Freight—Drawback to Home Factory.

The Hawaiian Planters' Association met in their rooms Nuananu street at 9:30 yesterday morning in annual session. There were present: F. M. Swanzy, president; Chas. M. Cooke, William G. Irwin, H. M. Whitney, Sr., George H. Fairchild, Alexander Young, Judge Hart, C. Bolte, Anton Cropp, Captain Ahlborn, W. C. Parke, Paul Isenberg, James Renton, J. Watt, J. F. Hackfeld, John R. Hind, George Weight, Thos. Kay, Dr. Maxwell, J. F. Crawley, J. N. Wright, F. A. Shaefer, John A. Scott, W. J. Lowrey, G. R. Ewart, Aug. Hanneberg, Dr. Aberdam, H. W. Schmidt, J. B. Atherton, H. P. Baldwin, George Ross, H. H. Renton and B. F. Dillingham.

President Swanzy opened the meeting by reading an address reviewing the work of the Association during the past year and outlining the work for the future. He commented on the enormous crop just harvested and congratulated the members on the success of the enterprises. The plan of assisting by fertilizing, he said had not been a success owing to the fact that a number of plantations have not been prompt in sending samples of soil.

The Secretary, Mr. Bolte, read the minutes of the last meeting and gave an estimate of the expenses of the coming year \$18,239.11 which includes a debit balance from last year.

On motion of Mr. Atherton the report was filed, and the matter of raising the funds was, on motion of Mr. Baldwin referred to the trustees.

Secretary Bolte, from the labor committee then read his report which was as follows:

## REPORT OF LABOR COMMITTEE.

This committee have concluded to be very brief in their report for the reason that during the last twelve months the supply of new laborers for the sugar plantations has been equal to the demand. The Chinese and Japanese who have been brought here have proved, on the whole, to be a satisfactory class of laborers, there have been no serious disturbances or strikes amongst them, and desertions have been few.

No Portuguese or other European laborers have been brought here during the last twelve months, but an agreement has been made between the planters and the Government under which the planters have to bring 10 per cent. of European or American agricultural laborers in addition to all Asiatics that are being introduced, and it is expected that a number of European laborers will arrive here within the next twelve months.

The total arrival and departure of Asiatics during the last twelve months has been as follows:

Arrived from October 1, 1895 to September 30, 1896.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Chinese	3445	111	3556
Japanese	4113	835	4948
			8509

Departed from October 1, 1895 to September 30, 1896.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Chinese	1133	57	1190
Japanese	2088	539	2627
			3817

This increase is partly accounted for by the extension of the sugar industry, which has taken place last year, nearly all plantations having increased their acreage and cultivation.

The committee abstain from giving any statistics of the laboring population now living on these islands, as the Government census for this year will be published in a few days.

(Signed) C. BOLTE, J. F. HACKFELD, E. D. TENNEY.

Alexander Young from the committee on machinery then read a report of the advance made by numerous plantations by the addition of new machinery.

This report was also placed on file. Dr. Maxwell stated that as his reports were printed in full in the pamphlet, it would not be necessary for him to read them in full. He had some extracts prepared, which he would read, and as there were matters of greater importance to be attended to, the reading of his reports could be delayed until tomorrow. Dr. Maxwell then read the following:

Laboratory.—In addition to the examination of fertilizers, sugars and sugar-house products, and other materials concerning which information is required, the study of our soils will be continued. So far, the work on soils has been confined to estimations of the total phosphoric acid, nitrogen, lime and potash. During the present year special attention will be given to the nitrogen and phosphoric acid in our soils, with the purpose of determining the forms in which these bodies are present, and the measure of their availability. This work is of imme-

diate practical importance because of its bearing upon the kind and quantities of fertilizers which it may be advisable to use.

Experiment Field.—The land required for field experimentation has been secured. The field has been enclosed by a high and strong-railed fence. An old cottage already upon the land, has been put into order for use of the laborers. A new building has been erected, which includes accommodation for the foreman in charge of labor, a room for cane analysis, with a small room for storage, etc.

The field has been broken up and the buried butts of trees gotten out, and the land cleared and leveled. This preparatory work has been done in order to bring the land into the most perfect state of homogeneity, without which strictly comparative experiments, side by side, are not possible. Also, on account of the bad mechanical state into which parts of the land has been brought through excessive irrigation by Chinamen growing truck, the land has been plowed and cross-plowed to a depth of 18 inches, and thoroughly exposed to the sun and air.

During the next few weeks, trees overshadowing the land will be removed, the borders of the land put in shape, roads laid out, the fence and houses protected against the weather, and piping for irrigation laid in.

Experiments.—These will be confined at the beginning to the leading varieties now growing on the islands. The seed cane will be obtained from plantations for the first year's experiments, and for the growing of seed cane for the second year's planting of experimental plots.

Fertilizing trials will be made to observe the action of potash, phosphoric acid, and nitrogen individually, and also to note the action of these bodies in different combinations. Further, the action of nitrogen as nitrate of soda, sulphate of ammonia, and in organic forms will be determined. These trials will be made with Lahala and bamboo canes, in order to note the behavior of these canes in relation to fertilizers, and to determine the exhausting effects of the varieties comparatively upon the soil. These comparisons will require most exact weighings to be made of the cane, and all leaves and trash, and the determination of the mineral matter in all the parts of the whole crop; and this will show the exact amount of mineral matter taken from the soil by a ton of cane, and thus by a crop of 50 tons of cane, and will furnish a rational and exact basis for the supply of fertilizing elements, in order to make good what the crop, small or great, has removed, and for the maintaining of the fertility of the soil.

Green-fertilizing with different leguminous plants will be practiced in preparing the land for cane experiments. These, and other more detailed observations, will engage the efforts of the laboratory and the field during the current year.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Swanzy announced that the report on forestry would be read by Mr. Baldwin, who said: "It is not a report, and should be considered more in the light of a contribution. Mr. Giffard had been absent so long from the country that it was impossible for him to make any extended report said: The ground had been gone over a good many seasons, and he regretted to say that nothing had been done toward planting forests and protecting them from cattle."

Mr. Baldwin then read a paper, in which he said that it was not a subject for argument whether or not the devastation of forests had an effect upon the rainfall. It had clearly been demonstrated that where cattle were allowed to destroy forests or where the trees had been cut down, the rainfall was less. What the diminution is cannot be told, as the rain gauge is not in general use. He suggested the planting of useful trees all over the country, and suggested the Algaroba as one of them. The guava is another tree that is good for forests. He believed it would result in large forests if more time and labor was given to the subject. He related his own experience at Haku, and gave the methods used there to keep up the forests, and advised their adoption in other districts. He spoke of the Indigo and Lantana as growing on the lower levels and becoming a pest. The day for indigo is past, but it left rich soil wherever it flourished in years gone by. The lantana, introduced as a garden plant in 1858, has flourished more than was good for the country, but he thought time would eradicate it, and its place be taken by something better for the country.

Mr. Swanzy read a report by Mr. Forbes of Kukuhihale, a well-known horticulturist. He confined his paper to the District of Hawaii between Kohala and Hamakua. He stated his belief in the statements that forests increase the rainfall, and quoted celebrated French authorities in support of it. He believed that the salvation of the planter and the ranchman depended upon the preservation of the forests. The forest near Kukuhihale, 12 years ago, was a mass of dead and dying trees; today it is a forest of trees and seedlings. The rough Hilo grass must give away once the fern becomes established. It is not well to leave the work to nature, but to adopt the method of artificial reproduction, and care should be taken to plant the trees that will be the most profitable to the islands. He named a number of trees that would be valuable to the planter, and these should be selected by him for planting. He noted the interest taken by the Government in the matter of forests, but it remained for the planters to do their part toward the same work.

The paper was ordered printed in the Planters' Monthly.

The election of trustees for the ensuing year was taken up, and on motion of Mr. Marsden, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, the secretary was asked to cast a ballot for the same trustees who now fill these positions.

Mr. Marsden then read a paper on "Diseases and Insect Pests of Sugar-Cane on the Islands," prepared by Prof. Koebele.

The paper treated of the various

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pests, particularly the cane borer beetle, crickets, etc.

Mr. Fairchild, of Makee Sugar Co., stated in answer to the report that the lady bird had not been a success on Kauai, in some instances the lady bird disappearing and the blight going ahead of it.

Mr. Baldwin questioned Prof. Koebele's statement that the borer thrived in moist localities, and stated that he remembered when Lahala, which is rather dry, was the home of the borer.

President Dole, who was present on invitation, said he had written Mr. Goodale and Mr. Lowry for their experience in the profit-sharing business on the plantations. He had Mr. Goodale's, and Mr. Lowry was present and would read his.

John A. Scott stated that he had purchased nearly \$13,000 worth of cane from outsiders. Most of the cane was taken off early in the season when sugar was high, and the plan was highly satisfactory. He did not consider what was practicable in one section would not answer in another.

President Dole said it was encouraging to him to hear the reports. He felt that he men who were conducting their plantations in this way were not doing it for charity, but because it paid them. He spoke of several managers who had adopted the profit-sharing plan, and believed it would be a benefit to the society to learn the results from those men.

Mr. Fairchild said he had had experience and had bought \$10,000 worth of cane. It had not been a success, presumably on account of the contracts. The two men who had taken the contract made two and three thousand, respectively.

Mr. Scott said he was disappointed in the nationality of the laborers. He had 100 Portuguese families, but not one took advantage of it; the system was adopted by the Japanese and Chinese.

Mr. Lowrey said his experience was similar. He found the Chinese indifferent, and the Portuguese inclined to quarrel among themselves. This year his contracts are let to the new Chinamen, and he finds it working capital. He had paid out \$32,000 for cane. Referring to Mr. Scott paying \$3 per ton for cane, Mr. Lowrey said the conditions in Hilo were different; the cost of producing sugar in Hilo was considerably less than in Ewa and he could afford to pay more.

A general discussion followed, in which Mr. Lowrey, while admitting that the conditions on the islands differed according to whether the land must be irrigated or not, contended that the labor in growing a ton of cane at Ewa was quite as much as anywhere else, and insisted that the conditions everywhere were favorable for co-operative labor.

The motion to print the contract used by the Ewa Plantation Co. carried with the amount paid per ton omitted.

Mr. Scott suggested, inasmuch as President Dole was present, that some action be taken by the Government to protect the forests in the Hilo Districts from the ravages of the wild and herd cattle there. He mentioned also the danger from clearing land by coffee planters.

President Dole responded by assuring the Association that the Government was alive to this, and provisions were made for it under the new land law. He did not believe that the clearing of land for coffee would affect the rainfall.

Mr. Swanzy brought the subject of how the analysis of soil and fertilizer was to be paid. It was understood that each plantation would pay a proportion, but this had not been carried out. As it is, the expense of conducting the laboratory is borne by a few of the planters, and others pay nothing. Shall the Association pay for these analyses or shall it be paid by the manufacturers at so much per ton. It was foolish to think of buying merchandise without knowing the quality, and the same applies to fertilizer. It is not wise for the planter to buy it as containing certain percentages of nitrates, etc., without knowing that it is so. It is a matter of greater importance than appeared.

Mr. Scott said he understood he would have to pay for it if I wanted more than a guaranteed analysis. It made no difference whether he paid the 25 or 50 cents a ton more to the station or to the manufacturers. A good many plantations had their own chemists, who were competent, and it was foolish to pay both ways.

Mr. Baldwin said it might not be possible to buy fertilizer from foreign manufacturers on an analysis of some one they did not know. He had bought fertilizer here at reasonable prices, and of good quality, but he found it more advantageous to buy in the States and have it shipped to Kahului. The inter-island freights are so high that he can buy cheaper in San Francisco and ship to his plantation than to buy from the home manufacturer.

Mr. Lowrey said union was necessary in the Association. He had been

offered fertilizer at \$30 per ton with analysis paid for by seller. He would move that the cost be put on the seller. Mr. Hackfeld coincided, and Mr. Scott said there might be an objection from members who were not present. Mr. Baldwin said he would vote for it, but he would not bind himself. On motion of Mr. Irwin action was postponed.

Adjourned until 9:30 this morning.

## HUT MOKU LILIE.

Exciting Contest of Yesterday and the Happy Winners.

Who ever thought for one moment that small yachts could not do as well as large yachts in the line of sport found themselves very much mistaken yesterday morning when they saw the Lilliputian craft starting out and shooting past the light house as if there were crews of experienced yachtsmen aboard, each putting out every yard of canvas that could in any way add extra speed. The day was a most pleasant one for the occasion, and the yachtsmen recognized that fact as they proudly adjusted their yachts and started out in row boats after their favorites.

## FIRST RACE.

First prize, Kaplaniol cup; second prize, \$10; third prize, \$5.

This race was an exciting one from start to finish, and J. Kalaniana'ole's yacht came in first, followed by "Wild Bird," owned by E. Kela. Kaa'wai's "Healan!" came in third.

## SECOND RACE.

First prize, \$20; second prize, \$5.

In this race Hugo's "Nov. 16" came out first and David Kawanakoa's "Kulla Kanna" second.

After the races were over the yachtsmen repaired to Honaunika, where a sumptuous luau was spread for them. A good time was spent, and the hours passed away most pleasantly.

The steamer Toyo-Maru did not get away yesterday. She will sail on Monday.

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